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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 10159

FOR R/P HOGANSON, ALSO FOR S/R AND NEA/PAB FROM CHARGE

E.O. 12065: GDS 8/8/87 (KING, BARRINGTON) OR-M  
TAGS: SREF, AF, EAID  
SUBJECT: (C) AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF: TRANSPORTATION  
ASSISTANCE

REF.: STATE 199070

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE HAVE NOT RESPONDED EARLIER TO REFTEL SINCE I  
WANTED OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE SITUATION WITH LEWIS  
ANSELEN WHO HAS BEEN UP IN CHITRAL FOR SEVERAL DAYS  
LOOKING AT THE REFUGEE SITUATION THERE. HE WILL BE  
PREPARING DETAILED ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU  
RAISE. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A FEW PRELIMINARY  
AND PERSONAL THOUGHTS.

3. BESIDES ACHIEVING OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE I SEE THIS AS  
A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR PROVIDING U.S. BUSINESS AN OPPOR-  
TUNITY TO BEGIN TO RECAPTURE A SHARE OF THE LARGE PAKISTAN  
TRUCK MARKET NOW DOMINATED BY JAPANESE,  
BRITISH AND OTHER EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS.

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4. NATIONAL LOGISTICS CELL HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST

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SUCCESSFUL UNDERTAKINGS IN RECENT YEARS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN. UNHCR MISSION CHIEF KOMAUT, WHO HAS JUST COME BACK FROM A VISIT TO KARACHI PORT, TOLD ME HE WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH THEIR WORK. AS FOR DOD'S LACK OF INFORMATION ON NLC, YOU MIGHT REFER THEM

*Blas*

5. NLC IS ALREADY OPERATING LARGE NUMBER OF LEFT HAND DRIVE MERCEDES TRUCKS AND WE DO NOT THINK IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DELIVERY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RIGHT HAND DRIVE VEHICLES.

6. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SUPPLY OF TRUCKS IS AN EXCELLENT IDENTIFIABLE USG CONTRIBUTION WHICH WILL HELP SOLVE AN URGENT PROBLEM WHILE MINIMIZING CONCERN OVER DIVERSION OF FUNDS. KING

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